

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 42-49. All pending claims are reproduced below.

1           1. (Original) A keypad, comprising:

2                   a plurality of keys; and

3                   a flexible carrier contacting the plurality of keys, the flexible carrier having  
4                   openings therein between the plurality of keys.

1           2. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein the openings between the plurality  
2   of keys do not contact the plurality of keys.

1           3. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein the plurality of keys are formed as  
2   a unitary part of the flexible carrier.

1           4. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, further including attachment means for at-  
2   taching the plurality of keys to the flexible carrier.

1           5. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein at least some of the openings are  
2   cruciform-shaped.

1           6. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein at least some of the openings are  
2   round.

1           7. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein at least some of the openings are  
2   oval shaped.

1           8. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein at least two of the openings have  
2 different shapes.

1           9. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein the openings divide the flexible  
2 carrier into multiple parts.

1           10. (Original) The keypad of claim 9, wherein the multiple parts are multiple  
2 columns.

1           11. (Original) The keypad of claim 9, wherein the multiple parts are multiple  
2 rows.

1           12. (Original) The keypad of claim 9, wherein the multiple parts have a zig-zag  
2 shaped edge.

1           13. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein the openings divide the flexible  
2 carrier into at least two serpentine-shaped parts.

1           14. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein the openings form at least one slot  
2 in the flexible carrier.

1           15. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, the flexible carrier having cutouts in an  
2 outer perimeter of the flexible carrier.

1           16. (Original) The keypad of claim 15, wherein the cutouts in the outer perime-  
2           ter occur in accordance with locations of the plurality of keys.

1           17. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein the openings in the flexible carrier  
2           occur in accordance with locations of the plurality of keys.

1           18. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein the openings serve to decouple  
2           the plurality of keys from each other.

1           19. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of keys  
2           is tactilely differentiated from others of the keys.

1           20. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of keys  
2           are domed.

1           21. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of keys  
2           is bowl-shaped.

1           22. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of keys  
2           has an inverted dimple thereon.

1           23. (Original) The keypad of claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of keys  
2           has a peak thereon.

1           24. (Original) A keypad, comprising:

2 a plurality of keys, each key having an actuator; and  
3 a flexible carrier surrounding the plurality of keys and having an opening  
4 for each actuator and having additional openings between the ac-  
5 tuators, the additional openings serving to decouple the plurality of  
6 keys.

1 25. (Original) The keypad of claim 24, wherein at least one of the actuators con-  
2 tacts a snap dome when the actuator is in a pressed condition.

1 26. (Original) The keypad of claim 24, wherein the openings between the plural-  
2 ity of keys do not contact the plurality of keys.

1 27. (Original) The keypad of claim 24, wherein at least some of the additional  
2 openings are cruciform-shaped.

1 28. (Original) The keypad of claim 24 wherein at least some of the additional  
2 openings are round.

1 29 (Original) The keypad of claim 24 wherein at least some of the additional  
2 openings are oval shaped.

1 30. (Original) The keypad of claim 24 wherein at least two of the additional  
2 openings have different shapes.

1           31. (Original) The keypad of claim 24 wherein the additional openings divide  
2 the flexible carrier into multiple parts.

1           32. (Original) The keypad of claim 31, wherein the multiple parts are multiple  
2 columns.

1           33. (Original) The keypad of claim 31, wherein the multiple parts are multiple  
2 rows.

1           34. (Original) The keypad of claim 31, wherein the multiple parts have a zig-zag  
2 shaped edge.

1           35. (Original) The keypad of claim 24, wherein the openings divide the flexible  
2 carrier into at least two serpentine-shaped parts.

1           36. (Original) The keypad of claim 24, wherein the openings form at least one  
2 slot in the flexible carrier.

1           37. (Original) The keypad of claim 24, an edge of the flexible carrier having cut-  
2 outs in an outer perimeter of the edge.

1           38. (Original) The keypad of claim 37, wherein the cutouts in the flexible pe-  
2 rimeter occur in accordance with locations of the plurality of keys.

1           39. (Original) The keypad of claim 24, wherein the openings in the flexible car-  
2 rier occur in accordance with locations of the plurality of keys.

1           40. (Original) The keypad of claim 24, wherein the openings serve to decouple  
2 the plurality of keys from each other.

1           41. (Original) The keypad of claim 24, wherein at least one of the plurality of  
2 keys is tactilely differentiated from others of the keys.

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